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THE STATUS OF WOMEN**

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**PCSW COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2007
PERMANENT COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
THE LYCEUM, 227 LAWRENCE ST.
HARTFORD, CT**

Present: Commissioners Jean L. Rexford, Sandra Hassan,
Adrienne Farrar Houel, Carrie Gallagher,
Susan O. Storey, Patricia E. M. Whitcombe,
Cecilia J. Woods and Cindy R. Slane

Staff Present: Teresa Younger and Rosemary Lopez

Excused and/or Absent: Senator Andrew J. McDonald, Senator John A. Kissel,
Representative Michael P. Lawlor,
Representative Arthur J. O'Neill and
Commissioners Yvonne R. Davis, Barbara DeBaptiste,
Elizabeth Donohue and Tanya Meck

Guest: Judge Beverly Hodgson, PCSW's Sexual Harassment
Consultant

Chairperson Rexford called the meeting to order on Thursday, June 21, 2007 at
11:40 am.

**GUEST SPEAKER
JUDGE BEVERLY HODGSON
SEXUAL HARASSMENT CONSULTANT-DOC QUARTERLY REPORT**

Chairperson Rexford welcomed Judge Beverly Hodgson, PCSW's Sexual Harassment Consultant pursuant to the Stipulated Agreement with the CT Department of Correction.

Judge Hodgson reported that the 4 year duration of the stipulated agreements was coming to an end in mid September. She mentioned that after 4 years the Department of Correction (DOC) should have institutionalized a better way of handling the problems with the complaints, but unfortunately that hasn't happened. Many of their investigations are still delayed. She also reported that Ms. Younger had been talking to Commissioner Lantz on how to work together to make things better and continue the progress once the stipulated agreement is over.

Ms. Younger confirmed that she has met with Commissioner Lantz but hasn't met with the plaintiff counsel or the Attorney General's Office. Commissioner Lantz has committed to continuing a relationship with the PCSW to support monitoring/oversight of the DOC.

Judge Hodgson reported that at this time there are no recommended next steps that need approval; as soon as things arise PCSW Commissioners will be contacted or informed via email.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE
THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2007 COMMISSION MEETING**

Commissioner Whitcombe moved the approval of the minutes of the Thursday, May 3, 2007 Commission meeting. Commissioner Houel seconded the motion. The motion passed with Commissioner Rexford abstaining.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Chairperson Rexford referred to the meeting schedule of 2007-2008 in the binders. Chairperson Rexford moved acceptance of the 2007-2008 schedule of meetings. Commissioner Hassan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ms. Younger referred commissioners to her written report. She was thrilled to report the hiring of Lisa Smith-Overton as a project/staff assistant. Ms. Smith-

Overton has served in the military and most recently comes to us from Eastern Connecticut State University where she developed a strong background in administrative support.

Ms. Younger reported that part two of “Where CT Stands” report has just been completed. There are several great recommendations for legislative activity.

Ms. Younger also reported that the staff retreat last week went very well. The staff spent the day reviewing and processing what they do and value.

Ms. Younger thanked Rosemary Lopez, Administrative Resources Coordinator for putting together and updating the new Commissioners Manuals that everyone has received.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Commissioner Hassan distributed the June budget report to the Commissioners for their information and review. The budget was accepted as presented and placed on file.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Storey reported on behalf of the Nominating Committee the following slate of officers for election to office during the 2007-2008 year.

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Commissioner Storey asked three times if there were any nominations from the floor and there were none. Commissioner Storey moved acceptance of the new slate of officers for PCSW. Commissioner Whitcombe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A word of appreciation and congratulations was shared with commissioners for their service.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Ms. Younger distributed copies of the 2007 Preliminary Legislative Report and announced that brief reports will be given at the Making Women Visible Dinner following the commissioner’s board retreat after this commission meeting.

Ms. Younger reported that the Trafficking bill that would provide some funding to the Office of Victim Services to contract with an organization to develop a

coordinated response system to assist trafficking victims was not called for a vote in the House of Representatives, but Sen. Stillman was still working on this bill. Ms. Younger also reported on the increase of Medicaid coverage for pregnant women up to 300% of the federal poverty level. Ms. Younger reported that Natasha Pierre, Associate Legislative Analyst, submitted a memo to the appropriations committee suggesting some of the recommendations that we would like to see moving forward.

Ms. Younger was happy to also report that the PCSW budget was voted on as presented. This means that we would now have 2 full time employees working on NTO and have some money for more research.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Younger gave out her new cell phone number to all the commissioners. The number is 860-305-6583.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm.

The next meeting of the PCSW will be held on Thursday, September 6, 2007 at 2:30 P.M. at the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women Conference Room.

Carrie Gallagher
Secretary

Rosemary Lopez
Date Approved